

From: [Miller, Garyg](#)
To: [Sanchez, Carlos](#)
Cc: [Meyer, John](#)
Subject: RE: San Jacinto Waste Pits Update
Date: Thursday, August 04, 2016 1:28:00 PM
Attachments: [Honorable Babin and Honorable Weber Response 7-29-16 docx](#)

Carlos,

Please see the attached draft response to the Congressmen's letter.

Regards,

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From: Sanchez, Carlos
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2016 11:21 AM
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Cc: Meyer, John <Meyer.John@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: San Jacinto Waste Pits Update

Gary,
We can say that we have received the letter from the congressmen and we will consider they input as part of the remedy selection process.
I guess we can mentioned the rough scheduled. Proposed Plan in late summer, remedy selection early 2017.
Whatever we have been saying lately. CAS

From: Vela, Austin
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2016 11:03 AM
To: Meyer, John; Sanchez, Carlos
Subject: FW: San Jacinto Waste Pits Update

I hadn't heard back from Gary on this and wanted to check with you both.

From: Gray, David
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2016 12:59 PM
To: Vela, Austin <Vela.Austin@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: San Jacinto Waste Pits Update

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Danielle McBeth <mcbeth@alcalde-fay.com>
Date: August 3, 2016 at 12:41:19 PM CDT
To: "Hannon, Arnita" <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>, "Gray, David" <gray.david@epa.gov>
Cc: "Assunto, Carmen" <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>, Perrin Badini <badini@alcalde-fay.com>
Subject: RE: San Jacinto Waste Pits Update



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Good Afternoon,
Hope all is well with you and yours. You've likely seen the enclosed correspondence from Congressmen Babin and Weber. Is there any further update you can share since the May 25th community meeting, including possible next steps and timeline?

Many thanks,
Danielle

From: Hannon, Arnita [<mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>]
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 1:40 PM
To: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>
Cc: Danielle McBeth <mcbeth@alcalde-fay.com>; Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: San Jacinto Waste Pits Update

Thanks again very much David. And yes our Region 6 staff from the call will be able to bring context and any next steps settled on.

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 22, 2016, at 12:24 PM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

Let me get some context from our team since I was not on the call. We will let you know if the Mayor's assistance would be helpful.

From: Danielle McBeth [<mailto:mcbeth@alcalde-fay.com>]
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 11:22 AM
To: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>
Cc: Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>; Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: San Jacinto Waste Pits Update

Somewhat - seems like there was an exchange during our conference call discussion about the Highlands area as well and maybe some follow-up with Harris County and I just wanted to make sure we were doing that as well since the Mayor offered to be helpful if you weren't getting the response needed in a timely manner?

From: Gray, David [<mailto:gray.david@epa.gov>]
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 12:19 PM
To: Danielle McBeth <mcbeth@alcalde-fay.com>
Cc: Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>; Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: San Jacinto Waste Pits Update

Hi Danielle,

A bit – but I certainly would not consider myself an expert. The groundwater monitoring well describe below are intended to provide more information regarding any groundwater contamination and its migration. Does that help?

David

From: Danielle McBeth [<mailto:mcbeth@alcalde-fay.com>]
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 11:15 AM
To: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>
Cc: Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>; Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: San Jacinto Waste Pits Update

Hi David,
We certainly appreciate the dive team update and community meeting confirmation. Are you aware of the Highlands groundwater contamination issue as well?

Thanks,
Danielle

From: Hannon, Arnita [<mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>]
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 11:51 AM
To: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>; Danielle McBeth <mcbeth@alcalde-fay.com>
Cc: Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: San Jacinto Waste Pits Update

Thanks so much David for getting these answers to Danielle!

Arnita

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Cc: Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>; Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>
Subject: San Jacinto Waste Pits Update

Danielle,

My colleague Arnita Hannon in our DC office forwarded your questions regarding an update on the San Jacinto Waste Pits site to me for response.

The EPA Dive Team returned to the site on April 4th and finished what they needed to do. The remainder of the inspection can be conducted via wading, since the dive inspection was

complete in the deeper areas. Once the inspection is complete, EPA will direct the PRPs to conduct further delineation and repair deficient areas. Following final inspection and any repairs, the placement of pore water samplers at 14 locations within the temporary cap will be completed. The Potentially Responsible Parties began installation of eight ground water monitoring wells in the northern waste pits area (four total) and the Southern Impoundment area (four total); installation of the new wells will be completed this week. Installation of the camera monitoring system was completed and the system is now operational with monitoring 24 hours per day and 7 days per week. Temporary buoys surrounding the temporary armor cap are in place. The lighted buoys have been backordered and installation may be delayed due to recent flooding.

Our next community meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2016 at the Highlands Community Center from 4:30 to 8:30 pm.

David

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July 29, 2016

Mr. Ron Curry
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Dear Administrator Curry,

We understand that the Environmental Protection Agency National Remedy Review Board (NRRB) is currently reviewing options for long-term solutions to address the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site. (This letter corrects a clerical error in our July 25, 2016, letter.)


As Members of Congress representing this immediate site and the surrounding communities, we have met with the leaders of affected communities and a number of organizations that have an interest in the long-term solutions to this Superfund site. As you know, this site is located just north of where the San Jacinto River flows into Trinity Bay and Galveston Bay.

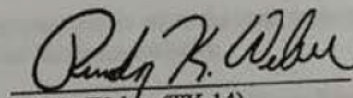
The attorney representing Harris County - the municipality with jurisdiction in the unincorporated area - has long recommended full remediation of the dioxin contamination from the San Jacinto River site as the only way to permanently and effectively address the danger and potential exposure of dioxins from this site to human health and the environment.

Recently (July 14, 2016) the City of Baytown, located to the east and south of the waste pits site, passed a resolution requesting that the EPA recommend full remediation of the San Jacinto Waste Pit Superfund Site. A copy of this resolution is enclosed.

As the EPA conducts a final review of this issue and prepares to make their recommendation in the coming weeks, I ask that you give full consideration to the requests of these communities, their elected officials, and the constituents that they represent.

Sincerely,


Brian Babin, D.D.S. (TX-36)
Member of Congress


Randy Weber (TX-14)
Member of Congress

Enclosure

Cc: Gary Miller, USEPA
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Amy Legare, Chair NRRB